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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 15, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEB BRADLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend L. John Gable, Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

God of grace and glory, Your word instructs us to pray for those in leadership and for those who are in positions of authority over us. As we gather here today, we recognize that we are those very leaders. Yet we humbly confess that our strength and wisdom is insufficient for the issues of our day, so we pray for Your wisdom, strength and guidance, and our openness to it.

We pray for those gathered in this hall and for the decisions that will be discussed and made here. We pray for our President and for all those who serve the common good that their actions and decisions might be in accordance with Your perfect will for peace, justice and freedom.

Save us, O Lord, as a people and as a Nation from the self-confidence that forgets its dependence on You; yet inspire us in the realization that the work we do is important in the serving of Your purposes.

Lord, bless us and bless our Nation that we in turn may be a blessing to

You. This we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. CASE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CASE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5008. An act to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Secretary be directed to request the return to the Senate (S. 2261) entitled "An Act to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti," in compliance with a request of the Senate for the return thereof.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, the Chair, on behalf of the President

pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, for a term of two years:

Preeta D. Bansal of Nebraska.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND L. JOHN GABLE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with particular pleasure that I rise to welcome the Reverend L. John Gable and his wife Kris to the Chamber of the United States House of Representatives today.

Reverend Gable is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary as well as Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, and his ministry has carried him through Ohio, Iowa, and now he serves as senior pastor for a decade at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. The Good Book says, "If you owe debts, pay debts." I rise today to discharge a large one in my life, for it was 25 years ago as a young man at Hanover College that the then student John Gable, more than anyone else, challenged me to take seriously the claims of Christ. I will never forget the day, Mr. Speaker, that young John Gable said to me, "Remember, MIKE, you have got to wear it in your heart before you wear it around your neck."

As those at Crossroads Presbyterian Church know and people in Ohio and Iowa and all over the country, John Gable has made a difference in America, in the lives of thousands, and he most certainly made a difference in mine. It is my pleasure to welcome the Reverend L. John Gable and his wife Kris to the United States House of Representatives today as our chaplain.

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